



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Teiichirou Chiba *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/492,761

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 20, 2002

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official action mailed February 21, 2002, and are supplemental to those set forth in applicant's response after final filed on July 22, 2002. The Official action mailed February 21, 2002, set forth a three-month period for response, and a petition for a two-month extension of time was filed on July 22, 2002. Since July 21, 2002, was a Sunday, applicant's response after final filed on the following business day, Monday, July 22, 2002, was timely filed. A notice of appeal also was filed on July 22, 2002, making an appeal brief due on or before September 22, 2002. A continued prosecution application (CPA) is being filed together with this preliminary amendment.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: